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SUBJECT: TAMBAO MANGANESE PROJECT

REF: OUAGA 207

1. GOUV HAS FOUND THAT WORLD BANK VERY RELUCTANT CONSIDER GOUV REQUEST FOR LOAN TO FINANCE CONSTRUCTION 345 KM. RAILROAD UNTIL BANK FEELS THAT THERE IS ENOUGH GENUINE INTEREST ON PART OF FOREIGN MINING FIRMS. HENCE FOR THEIR TALKS WITH BANK AND OTHER POTENTIAL LENDERS, VOLTANS NEED PLEDGES OF SUPPORT IN WRITING FROM MINING FIRMS WHICH ATTENDED CONFERENCE ON TAMBAO PROJECT IN OUAGA IN JANUARY AND WHICH MADE POSITIVE VERBAL STATEMENTS RE POSSIBLE PARTICIPATION. CONSPICUOUSLY SILENT HAS BEEN UNION CARBIDE WHICH HAD TAKEN MOST POSITIVE POSITION AT TIME OF MEETING.

2. IN ORDER DRUM UP SUPPORT VOLTANS SENT UNPUBLICIZED MISSION LAST MONTH TO ROMANIA, ITALY AND JAPAN. TEAM WAS HEADED BY PHILIPPE OUEDRAOGO WHO IS NOW HEAD OF
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SPECIAL OFFICE FOR TAMBAO PROJECT. (HE WAS FORMERLY

HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR THE PLAN.) VOLTANS REPORTEDLY
SUCCEEDED IN SECURING WRITTEN PLEDGE FROM JAPANESE
(MITSUI).

3. ACTION REQUESTED: REQUEST DEPARTMENT CONTACT UNION
CARBIDE NEW YORK (DR. JOHN WARDE, MINING AND METALS
DIVISION, 270 PARK AVENUE, NEW YORK , TEL 551-5523)
AND BRIEF THEM ON SITUATION. ASSUMING UNION CARBIDE
IS STILL INTERESTED THEY SHOULD WRITE TO OUEDRAOGO
AND REAFFIRM THEIR POSITION. LETTER WOULD NOT REPRESENT
BINDING COMMITMENT BUT WOULD BE RECONFIRMATION
THEIR INTEREST. ADDRESS IS: MR. PHILIPPE OUEDRAOGO,
DIRECTEUR, OFFICE GENERAL DES PROJETS DE TAMBAO,
B. P. 12, OUAGADOUGOU, UPPER VOLTA.

4. FOR ABIDJAN: REQUEST YOU PASS SUBSTANCE THIS
MESSAGE TO GEORGE BURNS, UNION CARBIDE DIRECTOR.
DECONTROL 5/12/74. BULLEN

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